

Announcement of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study to restore water quality in a portion of Accotink Creek that has an aquatic life use impairment.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Accotink Creek Watershed located in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the Town of Vienna, Virginia. Stream segments listed as impaired for not supporting the aquatic life use due to poor health in the benthic biological community will have TMDLs calculated. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL allocated amount. EPA, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be holding a Public Meeting to present the details and answer questions regarding the proposed Accotink Creek Benthic TMDL to members of the community.

PUBLIC MEETING:

Monday, July 26, 2010

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 and 5

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: A portion of Accotink Creek has been identified as impaired on the Clean Water Act §303(d) list for not supporting the aquatic life use due to poor health in the benthic biological community. EPA is working together with Virginia agencies to identify the benthic stressors causing the aquatic life use impairment on Accotink Creek. The Accotink Creek watershed covers portions of the City of Fairfax, the Town of Vienna, and Fairfax County. Below is a description of the impaired portions of Accotink Creek that will be addressed in this study:

Stream Name	Watershed Location	Impairment	Area (miles)	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit
Accotink Creek	Fairfax County Fairfax City Town of Vienna	Aquatic Life Use Benthic Macroinvertebrates	7.35	Confluence of Accotink Creek with Calamo Branch	Start of the tidal waters of Accotink Bay
Accotink Creek	Fairfax County Fairfax City Town of Vienna	Aquatic Life Use Benthic Macroinvertebrates	0.85	Confluence of Accotink Creek with an Unnamed Tributary located in the upstream corridor of Ranger Park	Confluence of Accotink Creek with Daniels Run

HOW TO COMMENT: EPA welcomes input from the public on the proposed TMDL during the comment period. Persons wishing to comment on the information contained in the TMDL are invited to do so in writing within 30 days of the date of this public notice. All comments must be postmarked no later than August 4,

2010. All comments should be written and include the name, address and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of the exact basis of any comment and the relevant facts upon which such comment is based. Clearly identify the TMDL being commented on. Electronic submission of comments via email is encouraged. Copies of the materials presented at the public meeting will be posted on EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/tmdl/index.htm> and on DEQ's website at: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDLDataSearch/DraftReports.aspx>

As an alternative, copies of meeting materials can be inspected and copied at the Region III office of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Standards, Assessment and TMDLs, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except during Federal holidays. Further information may be obtained by writing to EPA Region III at the address below.

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